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Honoring Malcom P. McLean as the father of containerization.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. INOUE, and Mrs. DOLE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

RESOLUTION

Honoring Malcom P. McLean as the father of
containerization.

Whereas Malcom P. McLean is widely recognized as the father of containerization;

Whereas the innovative idea of using intermodal containers suitable for rail, truck, and maritime transportation revolutionized and streamlined the process of shipping goods, allowed products to be moved to the market more quickly, and reduced prices for consumers;

Whereas the use of containerization in shipping practices enabled the United States to increase international trade by modernizing and globalizing the economy of the United States;

Whereas Mr. McLean launched numerous successful transportation businesses that were located in the Port of Newark, New Jersey, including—

- (1) the Pan-Atlantic Steamship Company; and
- (2) Sea-Land Service Incorporated;

Whereas those businesses were crucial to the growth of shipping and industry in New Jersey;

Whereas the innovations of Mr. McLean have enabled businesses to create thousands of jobs that provide liveable wages for the citizens of New Jersey and other citizens of the United States;

Whereas, on April 26, 1956, the first ship loaded with goods to be transported from the United States in intermodal containers, the Ideal X, set sail from Port Newark under the direction of Mr. McLean;

Whereas 2006 marks the 50th anniversary of that historic event;

Whereas the Containerization and Intermodal Institute in Holmdel, New Jersey, has planned activities to commemorate that occasion; and

Whereas Mr. McLean was a transportation pioneer whose remarkable achievements are worthy of recognition and commemoration: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

- 2 (1) celebrates the remarkable contributions of
- 3 Malcom P. McLean to the development of a new era
- 4 of trade and commerce in the United States through
- 5 the containerization of cargo;

1 (2) honors the 50th anniversary of
2 containerization, and recognizes the crucial role that
3 containerization has played in the modernization
4 of—

5 (A) shipping practices; and

6 (B) the economy of the United States; and

7 (3) encourages all citizens to promote and par-
8 ticipate in celebratory activities that commemorate
9 that landmark anniversary.

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